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SUBJECT: MEETING OF NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP'S MILITARY
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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM (MI5) OF THE NPG'S
NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP MET AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, 18-19
FEBRUARY TO REVIEW ITS OBJECTIVES AND MAKE INITIAL STUDY
ASSIGNMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRED BY THE UK (SHAW) THE MIT MEETING INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES
FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, THE FRG, GREECE, ITALY, THE
NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY, THE UK AND THE U.S. AS WELL AS
OBSERVERS FROM SHAPE, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, AND THE INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY STAFF. THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REVIEWED THE DRAFT
OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH PAPER CIRCULATED BY THE UK ((REFTEL) AND
CONCLUDED THAT:

(A) WHILE NEW TECHNOLOGY'S INFLUENCE ON THE RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR
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WEAPONS WAS AN IMPORTANT POINT, IT WAS NOT THE PRIMARY FOCUS
OF THE STUDY.

(B) THE EFFECT OF NEW CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE

STUDIED IN TANDEM WITH NEW NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF TARGETS (FORTIFIED POINTS AND SMALL BATTLEFIELD CONCENTRATIONS).

(C) STUDY IS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THAT EFFECT NEW TECHNOLOGY MAY HOLD FOR FUTURE NUCLEAR STOCKPILES AND DELIVERY VEHICLES. NO A PRIORI JUDGMENTS ON INCREASES OR REDUCTIONS CAN BE ATTEMPTED.

3. THE MIT AGREED THAT INITIAL STUDY ANALYSIS SHOULD COMPARE THE CAPABILITIES OF POSTULATED NEW NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATING PRECISION GUIDANCE WITH EXISTING WEAPONS CAPABILITIES. NETHERLANDS, ASSISTED BY OTHER NATIONS, WILL MAKE COMPARISON FOR BOTH NEUTRALIZING AND DESTROYING POINT TARGETS (A BRIDGE, REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDING). THEY WILL ALSO ANALYZE FIELD CONCENTRATIONS (WITH RADII OF 50,1000,200,500, AND 100 METERS) WHICH INCLUDE EFFECTS ON HARD TARGETS (TANKS) AND SOFT TARGETS (WHEELED VEHICLES). MIT ACCEPTED CRITERIA FOR MEASURING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND DETERMINING DAMAGE TO NON-MILITARY FACILITIES. THE U.S. WILL UNDERTAKE ANALYSIS OF TWO TYPES OF AIRFIELDS AND AN UNDERGROUND COMMAND POST. SIMULTANEOUSLY THE U.S. WILL ASSESS THE POSSIBLE TARGET RESPONSE OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF POINT AND BATTLEFIELD TARGETS, CURRENTLY ACCEPTED AS VALID NUCLEAR TARGETS, CURRENTLY ACCEPTED AS VALID NUCLEAR TARGETS, TO NEW CONVENTIONAL WEAPON TECHNOLOGY. IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. RECOMMENDATION, IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH DELEGATION WOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES FOR BATTLEFIELD AND THEATER STRATEGY AND TACTICS.

4. U.S. DELEGATES GAVE PRESENTATIONS ON ASPECTS OF CONCEPTUAL NUCLEAR WARHEAD CAPABILITIES (JOHNSRUD) AND NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR TARGET ACQUISITION (MINNEMAN) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE INITIAL JAN 20 MEETING OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP. THESE PRESENTATIONS WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED AND DR. MINNEMAN, AS THE PRIMARY U.S. SPOKESMAN ON TECHNOLOGY, DID A PARTICULARLY FINE JOB SUPPORTING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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U.S. ALSO SUPPORTED THE MIT WITH BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF ARTICLES ON NEW NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGY.

5. THE MIT AGREED THAT IT WOULD MEET IN LONDON APRIL 15-17 TO HEAR PRESENTATIONS ON U.S. AND NETHERLANDS TARGET ANALYSIS ASSESSMENTS AND BEGIN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE SHAPE OF A DRAFT REPORT. WITH A VIEW TOWARD PRODUCING A FINAL REPORT BY AUGUST, THE MIT PLANNED MEETINGS FOR EARLY JUNE AND EARLY JULY. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED DELEGATIONS TO CONSIDER HOSTING THE JUNE MEETING.
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